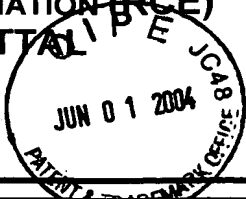


**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Application No.	09/921,358
Filing Date	August 2, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kurita et al.
Group Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	Kevin R. Krueer
Attorney Docket No	212865

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on March 2, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Form PTO-1449
- v. ☐ Copies of References listed in Form PTO-1449
(except for U.S. patents and applications)
- vi. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c. ☐ Other:

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.
- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$770.00
- ii. ☒ One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$110.00
- iii. ☐ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee. \$0.00
- iv. ☒ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00
- v. ☐ Other: \$0.00

Total amount to be charged to Deposit Account \$1,010.00

- b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Kevin R. Kruer

Filed: August 2, 2001

For: FLEXIBLE METAL-CLAD
LAMINATE AND PROCESS FOR
PREPARING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 8, 2004, and in further response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.